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**LEANDER BUSINESSWOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 50-year-old Jacqueline O. Richardson, owner and operator of two companies—Cedar Park Home Health Care and Medical Equipment, Inc. and JOR Health Management—was sentenced to 120 months in Federal prison and ordered to pay \$384,984.82 in restitution for defrauding Medicare and Medicaid.

On March 24, 2003, a federal jury convicted Richardson on all 24 charges contained in a federal grand jury indictment. Those charges included conspiracy, health care fraud, false statements, conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering. Evidence presented during her trial revealed that Richardson was electronically billing, and subsequently collecting reimbursements from, Medicare and Medicaid for items which were never supplied to patients in the Austin area. The items included alternating pressure mattresses, hydraulic patient lifts and lymphedema pumps. In addition, evidence also showed that Richardson submitted the billings with false patient diagnoses, knowing that they reflected patients who did not qualify medically for the products nor had the patients been evaluated by a physician to determine the their need for the products in question.

In April 1997, Cedar Park Home Health Care and Medical Equipment was suspended as a Medicare supplier. The following month, the defendant and Troy Richardson, her husband and Chief Executive Officer, continued their scheme by submitting claims to Medicare under JOR Health Management. From July 1994 through January 1998, Cedar Park Home Health Care and Medical Equipment, Inc. received approximately \$449,941.87 from Medicare and \$39,958 from Medicaid. From May 1997 through April 2000, JOR Health Management received approximately \$79,718.64 from Medicare and no payments from Medicaid.

“In conjunction with the Texas Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, IRS Special Agents used their financial expertise to decipher the financial records of Cedar Park Home Health Care and determined that a significant percentage of the monies received was derived from illegal activity, “ stated Enrique Fasci, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation.

Troy Richardson, who pled guilty to charges of conspiracy and health care fraud, was sentenced on June 17, 2003, to one year and a day in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Unit, United States Department of Health and Human Services—Office of Inspector General, Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Assistant United States Attorney Kevin cClendon prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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